

I: Public Comments

Harris County HUD entitlement programs provided several opportunities for public comment on the Consolidated Planning process during the 2011 program year. These opportunities included public hearings for the Annual Action Plan (AAP), previous year CAPER and other HUD funding sources such as NSP and Hurricane Ike Disaster Recovery TxCDBG funding. Notices for opportunities for public comment were published in local newspapers prior to each event.

The public was given a 15-day review and comment period for the Harris County PY 2011 CAPER prior to its submittal to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). A legal notice was published in the *Houston Chronicle* advising the public of the CAPER's availability between May 3-17, 2012. A public hearing on the CAPER was held May 17, 2012 and there were no public comments.

Harris County is committed to citizen participation as a crucial element in promoting community-based solutions. The county continues to create new and innovative ways to gain public response to initiatives and projects for community revitalization. Despite the significant effort made by Harris County in the area of citizen participation it is anticipated that future program years will include even more opportunities for active citizen participation in the revitalization process.